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Alleppey	Upgradation and Replacement of 100 KW MW Transmitter to 200 KW MW power
Manjeri (Mallapuram)	Local Radio Station with 1 KW MW Transmitter Multi-Purpose Studio and Staff Quarters

[Translation]

Electrification of Railway Tracks

173. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to electrify the railway track from Mughalsarai to Guwahati keeping in view the shortage of petrol and diesel in the country;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Section Mughalsarai-Rampur Dumra-Barauni is part of Mughalsarai-Patna-Sitarampur electrification project. Electrification of entire section is targetted for completion by March, 99. There is no proposal at present to electrify Barauni-Guwahati section.

[English]

Export of Manpower to Brunei

174. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the agencies engaged in selection of candidates and export of manpower to Brunei;

(b) the terms and conditions imposed by the Government on these agencies for selection of candidates;

(c) whether the Government are aware of some illegal transactions connected with such export of manpower by luring unemployed Indians by such illegitimate agencies/persons; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government against them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Every Recruiting Agent registered with the Ministry of Labour or a project Exporter after obtaining permit, can carry out recruitment for export of manpower to any foreign country including Brunei.

(b) Recruiting Agents registered with the Ministry of Labour for this purpose and the project Exporters are required to furnish employment agreement, demand letter and power of attorney duly attested by the Indian High Commission in Brunei Darussalam.

(c) and (d) Complaints against unauthorised functioning of Recruiting agents are investigated for further legal action as per provisions of Emigration Act, as & when received.

Railways Line in Sunderban Area

175. SHRI SAMIK LAHIRI : Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to lay down railway lines in the Sunderban area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction of a new line from Lakshmikantapur to Namkhona (47 kms.) has been taken up. Lakshmikantapur to Nischintpur (21.95 kms.) has already been completed. The remaining work would get completed in the coming years.

T.V. Relay Centre in West Bengal

176. SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of ongoing Doordarshan projects in West Bengal;

(b) the number of projects likely to be completed during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) the present status and financial provisions made therefor; and

(d) the number of proposals pending with the Union Government from West Bengal and action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Seven Doordarshan projects including two studio projects, are presently under implementation in the State of West Bengal.

(b) and (c). While installation of TV Studio, Jalpaiguri and Low Power TV transmitters (LPTs) at Farkka and Murshidabad (DD-2) are technically ready and await commissioning pending sanction of staff. LPTs at Ryna, Rasanti and Bishnupur are expected to be completed by the end of 1996-97 at a cost of approximately Rs.1.00 crores each. The permanent Studio set up at Shantiniketan is expected to the completed by the end of 1997-98 at an approved cost of Rs. 181.75 lakh. The approved cost of TV studio, Jalpaiguri is Rs.451.09 lakh.